

Samei language

Samei (autonym: *sa Jni Y*) is a Loloish language of Yunnan, China closely related to Sani (Bradley 2005). It is spoken in 47 villages in and around Ala Township 阿拉彝族乡, just southeast of downtown Kunming, as well as in 7 villages in western Yiliang County (*Ethnologue*). There are about 20,000 speakers out of an estimated 28,000 ethnic population. Samei lexical data is also documented in Satterthwaite-Phillips (2011).

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Samei	
Native to	China
Ethnicity	Yi
Native speakers	20,000 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Sino-Tibetan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lolo-Burmese<ul style="list-style-type: none">Loloish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southeastern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sani–Azha<ul style="list-style-type: none">Samei</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	smh
Glottolog	same1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/same1240) ^[2]

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